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# Press Release

## ***HIALEAH FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES OBTAINING HIGHEST INSURANCE RATING***

**HIALEAH, FL** - Fire Protection in the City of Hialeah has received the highest Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating awarded by the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

The Hialeah Fire Department is pleased to announce that effective August of 2008, its fire protection classification was reassessed and rated as Class 1 according to the Insurance Services Office (ISO). ISO classifies communities from 1 to 10. Communities with superlative systems for water distribution, fire department equipment and firefighting personnel and fire notification facilities receive a Class 1 rating. A PPC rating can affect the cost of property insurance for homes and commercial buildings in the community.

The new insurance rating is the result of years of effort by department members, other agencies such as the City of Hialeah Department of Water and Sewers. The Mayor and City Council recognized the economic benefits of maintaining a Class 1 Fire Department and are committed to improving the city's infrastructure to assure the continuation of Class 1 fire defenses as part of their overall goal of providing a quality service to our citizens.

The Insurance Services Office completed the re-rating as part of their normal process. The last time the department was evaluated was 1986 when it was one of the first six fire departments in the nation to receive a Class 1 rating. There only approximately 55 Departments in the United States that hold the distinction of being a Class 1 Fire Department.